

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 43 of Applicants' specification (that is, page 43, lines 7-15), and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--4-Ethoxycarbonylcyclohexanone (100 mg) was dissolved in methylene chloride (2 mL), and then pyridine (69.7 mg, 0.88 mmol) was added. To the resulting solution, trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (199 mg, 0.70 mmol) was added at 15°C and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 4 hours. Then acetonitrile was added. The yield of 4-ethoxycarbonylcyclohexanone of 4-ethoxycarbonylcyclohexen-1-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate determined by GLC analysis was 0.1%. The measurement conditions of the GLC analysis were the same as those in EXAMPLE 1.--